

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 78**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Logue**

August 19, 2013

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to Hmong History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 78, as introduced, Logue. Hmong History Month.

This measure would recognize August 2013 as Hmong History Month, urge all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people during Hmong History Month, and encourage the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that the Hmong people make to their communities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The history of the Hmong people here in the United  
2 States, as well as throughout the ages, is indeed unique and vibrant,  
3 and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of  
4 August 2013, which has been recognized as Hmong History Month;  
5 and  
6 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are greatly  
7 respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant  
8 support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during  
9 the Vietnam war; and  
10 WHEREAS, Many Lao-Hmong served in the “Secret Army,”  
11 which was funded by the CIA and included Special Guerilla units  
12 and other Special Forces, to thwart the Pathet Lao and North

1 Vietnamese Army in Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand from 1960 to  
2 1975; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of this Laotian hill tribe are known  
4 for their warrior traditions, loyalty, and bravery, as evidenced by  
5 their contributions to guarding United States personnel and Air  
6 Force radar installations, gathering critical intelligence on enemy  
7 movement and operations, performing rescue missions to save  
8 downed United States pilots, and fighting in conventional and  
9 guerilla combat against overwhelming forces, including several  
10 North Vietnamese divisions, to disrupt the flow of troops and  
11 supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail; and

12 WHEREAS, A conservative estimate of over 35,000 brave  
13 Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost their lives; more than  
14 50,000 were wounded; and more than 2,500 are missing in action;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, These numbers do not include the devastating loss  
17 of 30,000 lives when the Lao-Hmong fell victim to retributive  
18 ethnic cleansing starting in 1975 and continuing to this day, nor  
19 the thousands forced into reeducation camps or who perished  
20 attempting to cross the Mekong River into Thailand; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to the devastation to their homes and  
22 way of life, thousands of Lao-Hmong soldiers and their families  
23 became a countryless people when they commenced their perilous  
24 flight to seek safe refuge in other countries, such as Argentina,  
25 Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United  
26 States—a mass exodus that continues to this day; and

27 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong's heroic and significant  
28 contributions to the United States during their fighting efforts in  
29 Laos and the positive influence they have since had upon the  
30 American way of life will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature takes great pleasure in  
33 recognizing August 2013 as Hmong History Month, extends deep  
34 appreciation to the Hmong men, women, and children who served  
35 the United States with loyalty and bravery, urges all citizens to  
36 join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people  
37 during Hmong History Month, and encourages the people of  
38 California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and  
39 contributions that the Hmong people make to our communities;  
40 and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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